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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT JUNTA PLANS TOUR TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENTS

REF: LIMA 0351

1. EMBASSY ECON CONSELOR CALLED JANUARY 27 ON AMBASSADOR
GERMANICO SALGADO, MEMBER OF THE JUNTA OF THE ANDEAN PACT,
FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PACT AFFAIRS, INCLUDING TIMING
OF NEXT SESSION OF ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION, WHICH WAS
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 8-9 (LIMA 0147).

2. AMBASSADOR SALGADO REFERRED TO NUMEROUS PROBLEMS FACING
PACT AT THIS TIME, INCLUDING COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFFS, SEC-
TORAL AGREEMENTS, INTERNAL TARIFFS, AND ELECTION OF NEW
LEADERSHIP (REFTEL. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BECAUSE OF
THESE SERIOUS QUESTIONS, SOME DRAMATIC STEP HAD TO BE TAKEN
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TO INDUCE FORWARD PROGRESS IN ANDEAN PACT AFFAIRS.

3. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THAT THREE JUNTA MEMBERS HAVE DECIDED TO EMBARK ON SIX NATION TOUR BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 TO VISIT WITH PRESIDENTS OF MEMBER NATIONS TO EXPLAIN CURRENT PROBLEMS AND TO SOLICIT VIEWS. UNLESS UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES DEVELOP, VISITS WILL BEGIN WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ IN CARACAS, AND WILL END ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 21-22 IN LIMA WITH CALL ON PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ. IF VISITS HAVE FAVORABLE RESULTS, ANDEAN COMMISSION COULD THEN MEET IN LIMA ON FEBRUARY 24 TO MAKE BASIC DECISIONS REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECT TOP-LEVEL CHANGES IN NUNTA, SECRETARY-DIRECTOR, AND CAF. JUNTA'S PRESENT MANDATE EXTENDS ONLY TO FEBRUARY 29, AMBASSADOR SALGADO POINTED OUT.

4. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT NO DIFFICULTIES DEVELOP AND PLANNED JUNTA TOUR TAKES PLACE, WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN REPORTING FROM ANDEAN PACT CAPITALS ON RESULTS OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENTS.

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